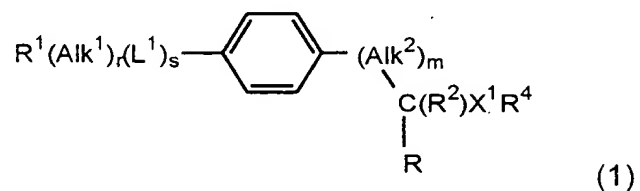


## **ABSTRACT**

Phenylalanine derivatives of formula (1) are described:



wherein

L<sup>1</sup> is a linker atom or group;

10 X<sup>1</sup> is a group selected from -N(R<sup>3</sup>)CO-, -N(R<sup>3</sup>)SO<sub>2</sub>-, -N(R<sup>3</sup>)C(O)O- or -N(R<sup>3</sup>)CON(R<sup>3a</sup>)-; and

R is a carboxylic acid or a derivative thereof.

15 The compounds are able to inhibit the binding of α<sub>4</sub> integrins to their ligands and are of use in the prophylaxis and treatment of diseases or disorders involving inflammation.